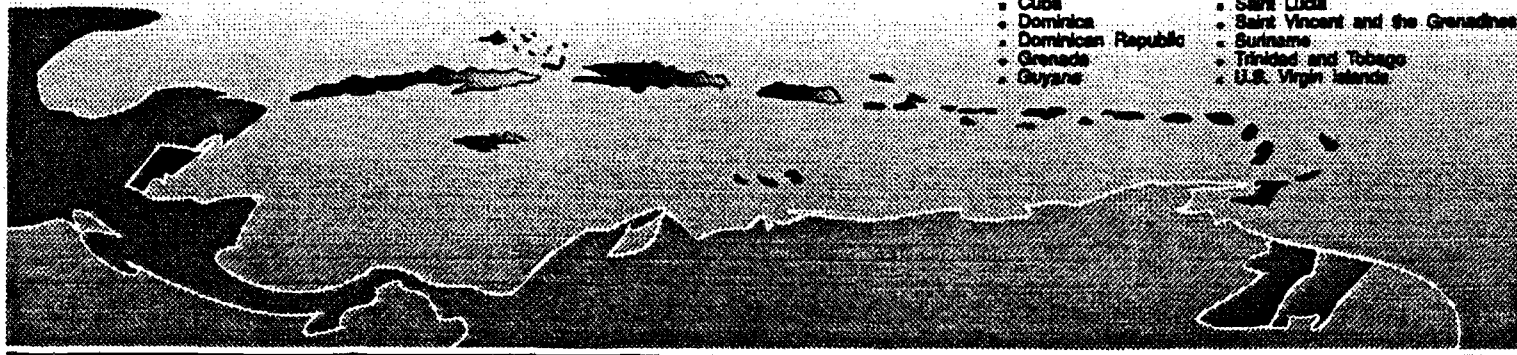




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All the activities planned for the period 1994-1995 will be undertaken in close collaboration with ECLAC Headquarters and the relevant United Nations agencies and regional organizations.

Programme element 13.1: Promotion of cooperation among member countries of CDCC and between the Caribbean and Latin America

Objectives

In keeping with the objectives and purposes of the CDCC, promote cooperation among CDCC member countries, and between the Caribbean and Latin America, in economic and non-economic areas, as a means of contributing to the development of the countries involved.

Activities

(a) Ad hoc expert group and related work

Meeting on selected issues relevant to the possibilities for increased cooperation in economic and non-economic areas between the Caribbean and Latin America.

(b) Non-recurrent publications

(i) Study on exploration of possibilities for increased cooperation in economic and non-economic areas between the Caribbean and Latin America.

(ii) Study on selected issues of economic and other relationships among the member countries of CDCC.

(c) Operational activities

(i) Assistance in the process of the removal of language barriers to increased cooperation among the member countries of CDCC.

(ii) Convening of a meeting of CDCC focal points and report on same.

(iii) Provision of support to the non-independent Caribbean countries on matters of particular interest to this group of countries within the framework of the CDCC.

(iv) Dissemination of information to the public in countries in the subregion concerning the purposes and activities of CDCC.

The performance of operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

(d) Information materials and services

Publication of an information bulletin on the removal of language barriers (XB).

Programme element 13.2:**Island Developing Countries****Objectives**

To keep under continuous review the special circumstances and needs of island developing countries, and assist member countries to obtain the support of the international community in regard to this issue.

Activities(a) **Organization and substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings**

Ad hoc expert group meeting on development issues affecting island developing countries.

(b) **Non-recurrent publications**

Analysis of development issues of particular importance to island developing countries.

(c) **Operational activities**

Assistance to member countries of CDCC, at their request, with a view to their intervening effectively in international negotiations on development issues affecting island developing countries.

Performance of operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.3:**Women in Development****Objectives**

To assist in the representation of the interests of Caribbean women's organizations in international forums, and in regard to regional and international development issues; to analyse and evaluate specific issues relating to women in the Caribbean.

Activities(a) **Organization and substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings**

(i) Subregional meeting on issues of particular relevance to women in the Caribbean.

(b) Non-recurrent publications

(i) A document on the advancement of women in the Caribbean in the period 1985-1994.

(ii) A document on the technical assistance requirements of selected member countries of CDCC in priority areas within the scope of the women-in-development programme themes addressed by ECLAC/CDCC.

(c) Operational activities

(i) Technical support to the regional project on education, training and employment for teenage mothers in the Caribbean.

(ii) Provision of assistance to member countries, at their request, in the preparation of background documentation for purposes of the 1995 World Conference on Women.

The performance of operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.4: Economic analysis and planningObjectives

To carry out analytical reviews of the performance of the economies of the Caribbean countries; to provide a forum for development planners to review economic and social development, to discuss approaches to the planning of development, and to discuss implications for the Caribbean of global and regional economic developments.

Activities(a) Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work

(i) Meeting of economic and social planners in the Caribbean to study issues related to economic and social planning, and with implications of global and regional developments on member countries of the subregion.

(ii) Seminar on selected issues relevant to economic and social planning in countries in the subregion.

(b) Non-recurrent publications

Two annual summaries of economic performance of member countries of CDCC.

(c) Operational activities

(i) Provision of advisory services, at the request of governments, in the area of economic analysis and planning.

(ii) Technical support to the regional project on training and research in public sector management for the Caribbean.

The performance of operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

(d) Group training

Provision of training on matters related to economic analysis and planning (XB).

Programme element 13.5: International trade and finance

Objectives

To provide member countries with information on, and analyses of, global economic issues, including developments in international trade and finance.

Activities

a) Non-recurrent publications

(i) Updating of the Trade Procedures Guide (English only).

(ii) Study evaluating economic integration processes in the Caribbean.

(iii) Study reviewing and analyzing aspects of financial development in the Caribbean.

(iv) Study on global and regional developments and their impact on countries in the subregion.

(v) Update of the document on intra-CDCC trade.

(b) Information materials and services

Newsletter on international trade developments.

Programme element 13.6:**Development of industry and tourism****Objectives**

To provide revenues and analyses of the tourism and industrial sectors of member countries of the subregion with a view to formulating proposals for improvement in the performance of these sectors.

Activities**(a) Non-recurrent publication**

- (i) Study of industrial policy in the countries of the subregion.
- (ii) Report on the performance of, and prospects for, tourism in Caribbean countries.

(b) Operational activities

- (i) Provision of advisory services to member countries, in industry and tourism.
- (ii) Provision of technical assistance, at the request of governments, in the formulation of projects designed to mobilize extrabudgetary resources for studies and technical cooperation related to various aspects of the development of industry in the subregion.

The performance of operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.7:**Environment and development****Objectives**

To strengthen member countries' capabilities to incorporate environmental considerations into development planning. To assist and coordinate policy formulation at the subregional level on matters relating to environment and development.

Activities**(a) Non-recurrent publications**

- (i) Update of environmental statistics of Caribbean countries.
- (ii) Study on environmental implications of economic and social development in countries of the Caribbean subregion.

(b) Technical material

Updating of a computerized environmental database, which will provide on-line access to environmental data.

(c) Operational activities

(i) Provision of advisory services, at the request of governments, in the area of environment and development.

(ii) Provision of assistance to member countries, at their request, in the implementation of decisions and recommendations adopted at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED).

The performance of operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.8: Science and technology

Objectives

To provide substantive servicing of meetings of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST); to coordinate the work of the CCST; and to improve mechanisms for technology transfer and development in CDCC member countries.

Activities

(a) Parliamentary services

Substantive servicing of two plenary sessions of the CCST.

(b) Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work

Two meetings to analyse the scientific and technological situation in the Caribbean.

(c) Operational activities

A project on science and technology is expected to be in implementation during the biennium.

The performance of operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.9: Technical support to integration efforts of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

Objectives

To provide technical support to the integration efforts of the member countries of the OECS.

Operational activities

Provision of advisory services, through the OECS Secretariat, to member States in priority areas of the integration process of OECS.

The performance of operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.10: Information, documentation and statistics for economic and social development

1. Caribbean Information System

Objectives

To facilitate member countries and the work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat through the provision of relevant up-to-date technical information services.

Activities

(a) **Parliamentary services**

Substantive servicing of sessions of the Caribbean Consultative Committee on Regional Information System.

(b) **Recurrent publications**

Four issues of CARISPLAN Abstracts (English only).

(c) **Technical materials**

Maintenance and hosting of bibliographic and full text databases for remote access.

(d) **Information materials and services**

Twenty issues of Current Awareness Bulletin (English only).

2. Patent information and documentation

Objectives

To assist the strengthening of the industrial property systems within the subregion, with emphasis on patents. To provide a patent information service to users in industry, research and development institutions, inventors and others.

Activities

(a) Parliamentary services

Substantive servicing to meetings of the Advisory Committee on the Caribbean Patent Information Network.

(b) Parliamentary documentation

Report on the meetings of the Advisory Committee on the Caribbean Patents Information Network.

Performance of the activities noted above will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

3. Statistical Data Bank

Objectives

To develop and maintain statistical databases to facilitate the work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat and for use of member countries; to provide assistance to member countries in the development of national statistical capabilities; and to provide statistical information for publications of ECLAC and other United Nations organizations.

Activities

(a) Non-recurrent publications

Two documents containing time series of major economic indicators of Caribbean countries.

(b) Technical material

(i) Updating and expansion of database on intra-CDCC trade.

(ii) Dissemination of the REDATAM (Retrieval of Census Data for Small Areas by Microcomputer) software and administration of REDATAM databases from the 1990-1991 round of population and housing censuses.

(iii) Increased dissemination through diskette and through remote access to an on-line database.

(c) Intermediate activity

Provision of statistical support for the work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat and for other United Nations organizations.

(d) Operational activities

Provision of training and advisory services to member countries of CDCC, at their request, in modernizing their statistical services and in organizing their databases for increased general and remote access.

Performance of the operational activities noted above will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.11: Substantive servicing of meetings of CDCC

Objectives

To make arrangements and prepare documents for, and to service and report on, meetings of the CDCC.

Parliamentary services

Substantive servicing of sessions of CDCC and meetings of its Monitoring Committee.

Parliamentary documentation

- (i) Final report of CDCC meetings.
- (ii) Reports on action taken on decisions and recommendations of CDCC and other United Nations bodies.
- (iii) Reports on participation of member countries in the work of CDCC.

Programme element 13.12: Population and development**Objectives**

To assist member countries of the CDCC to develop capabilities to integrate population considerations into development planning and policy formulation; and to generate and analyse population data for the purposes of informing social and economic planning.

Activities**(a) Non-recurrent publications**

- (i) Two documents containing analyses of census data in the Caribbean.
- (ii) A digest of socio-economic statistics.

(b) Technical material

- (i) Expansion and maintenance of the socio-demographic database.
- (ii) Expansion and maintenance of the vital statistics computerized system.

(c) Operational activities

Provision of advisory services to countries members of CDCC, at their request, in the fields of population policy implementation and evaluation, integration of population in development planning, techniques of demographic analysis and evaluation and analysis of census data and vital statistics. Overall assistance to countries, at their request, in the execution of their national censuses.

The performance of operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

(d) Group training

Provision of training on matters related to the implementation and evaluation of population policies. (XB).

